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SUBJECT:HUNGER STRIKE IN KENITRA AND CASABLANCA PRISONS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REP IN WASHINGTON TO THE EFFECT THAT PRISONERS IN KENITRA AND CASABLANCA PRISONS HAVE BEEN STAGING A HUNGERSTRIKE SINCE NOVEMBER 8. THE STRIKE IS INTENDED TO PROTEST PUNISHMENT OF PRISONERS BY PLACING THEM IN REMOTE CELLS WHERE THEY ARE DENIED CLOTHING AND GIVEN ONLY LIMITED SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND WATER, AND THE REPEATED INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING TORTURE. 434 PRISONERS FROM KENITRA ARE REPORTED INVOLVED AS WELL AS AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER FROM CASABLANCA. AMNESTY FURTHER REPORTS THAT AT LEAST FOUR PRISONERS HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR MALNUTRITION. THEY ARE SAIDI MENEHBI (WHO DIED SUNDAY DEC. 11 AS A RESULT OF THE HUNGER STRIKE), FATIMA OKACHA, RABIA FTOOK (SIC) AND ABRAHAM SERFATY. ALL
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ARE IN AVERROES HOSPITAL. ALL ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO FAMILY OR LEGAL COUNSEL.

2. IN CONTEXT OF ONGOING EMBASSY DIALOGUE WITH GOM, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOREGOING REPORT. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY ABLE TO DEVELOP.

3. WE ARE POUCHING EXTRACT ON MOROCCO FROM 1977 ANNUAL
AI REPORT PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER WHICH APPEARS TO BE

NO MORE THAN A CONDENSATION OF THE FULL OCTOBER 31
REPORT ON MOROCCO. CHRISTOPHER

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